

Christmas time. Usually we met at Aunt Esther's large house which could accommodate 30 or so people. Each family brought a dish and we always had a large turkey. While waiting for dinner the kids would play games; checkers, chess, dominoes and monopoly. The men would sit around and smoke and talk while the women were all, either in the kitchen or dining room helping with the meal. The older boys would compete to see who could eat the most. I was the small one who couldn't keep up. The joy and celebration lasted most of the day.

What great memories!

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and especially healthy New Year.

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